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1. PREVIOUS CALBES DISCUSSED LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS FACING PROPOSED OASGA. AS OF THIS MOMENT, THE MEETING IS FAIRLY FIRM. REFTEL ADVISED (HOST FOREIGN MINISTER) PM GAIRY'S PLANNED VISIT TO OAS TO FINALIZE PLANS. (PRESUMABLY, HE WILL BE PRESIDENT OF 1977 OASGA.)

2. I MET WITH OAS CONF. ADVISER JUAN NIMO, BLDG. SPEC. FRANK LOOPS, AND OAS REP. JAMES FURNISS (BASED IN BARBADOS) AT AIRPORT ON 1/15, TO REVIEW PLANS TO DATE. THE TWO

(NIMO AND LOOPS) HAD ATTENDED GROUND-BREAKING IN ST. GEORGE'S, GRENADA, OF SITE FOR ADDITIONAL FACILITIES. SITE PRESENTLY HOLDS DEFUNCT GRENADA BEACH HOTEL, WHICH WILL BE FURBISHED TO SERVE AS CONFERENCE FACILITY, BASE FOR SECRETARIAT, AND DELEGATE LOUNGES. ACCORDING TO NIMO AND LOOPS, A GEODESIC DOME OF SOME 8,000 SQUARE FEET WILL BE BUILT TO SERVE AS AUDITORIUM. ADEQUATE

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ROOMS HAVE BEEN PROMISED FOR USE OF THE ESTIMATED 650 DELEGATES. BUSES WOULD TRANSPORT DELEGATES BETWEEN SITES. NORMALLY POOR ROADS ARE BEING REPAIRED. WHILE LIVING FACILITIES WILL BE SHORT, TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN AIRPORT TO TOWN (22 MILES OF RUGGED MOUNTAIN ROAD) REMAINS POINT OF CONCERN. OF THE ISLAND'S REPORTED 472 HOTEL ROOMS, AN ESTIMATED 186 WILL COMPRISE THE HOLIDAY

INN-GRENADA BEACH OAS HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX. THE REMAINING
286 UNITS, SCATTERED AMONG 10-12 SITES, ARE DESCRIBED
AS ATROCIOUS TO GOOD (OR BETTER). NIMO STATED FINAL
PLANS MUST BE SET BY MARCH 1, WITH GA TO BE SET FOR LATE
MAY OR EARLY JUNE.

3. MY PRINCIPAL CONCERN FOR THE US DELEGATION LIES
WITH COMMUNICATION LOGISTICS, HOUSING, SECURITY, TRANS-
PORTATION TO GRENADA, AND IN GRENADA. PEARLS AIRPORT,
WHICH MAY SOON FACE SOME CONSTRUCTION, CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE
LIGHT-JETS OR PROPS, STILL A RUGGED 22 MILE RIDE FROM
TOWN. CURRENT TELEPHONE-TELEGRAPHIC FACILITIES COULD
HARDLY ACCOMMODATE HEAVY VOLUME. NEAREST MAJOR FACILITIES
ARE PORT OF SPAIN AND BRIDGETOWN, BOTH REACHED OVERLAND
AND OVER-WATER. I DON'T RULE OUT USE OF THE SUPERB
HARBOR FACILITIES, AND SUGGEST THAT A PROPERLY EQUIPPED
BOAT WITH TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, AND ADEQUATE
QUARTERS, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED, FOR USE BY USDEL. THE
SECRETARY'S PRESENCE MAY DEMAND THIS KIND OF SUPPORT. IT
MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT GRENADA IS DESPERATELY LIMITED IN
MOST FACILITIES, AND WILL BE HARD-PRESSED TO MEET THE DEMAND
OF 20 OR MORE DELEGATIONS, DESPITE ITS BEST EFFORTS. AN EARLY
START IN PLANNING NOW WILL HOPEFULLY AVOID OUR BEING
JAMMED LATER ON. PERSONNEL TRANSFERS AND EMBASSY RELOCATION
MAY IMPEDE BRIDGETOWN'S ABILITY TO SUPPORT USDEL.

4. I SUGGEST WE BEGIN OUR PLANNING NOW. SEPTTEL WILL
CONCERN ADVISABILITY OF MY TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C.
WITH PRIMIN GAIRY TO CONSULT RE OAS AND OTHER
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